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RE HOMER WESLEY GALT POSSIBLE RELATIVE

HOMER WESLEY GALT, ONE ZERO TWO TWO EAST SANTA ANITA,
BURBANK, CALIF., ADVISED NAME ERIC STARVO GALT AND INDIVIDUAL
IN PHOTOS UNKNOWN TO HIM.

RE INVESTIGATION CONCERNING MEXICAN CAR INSURANCE

INVESTIGATION AT MEXICAN TOURIST BUREAU, LA; MEXICAN
CONSULATE GENERAL, LA; AND INSURANCE COMPANIES WRITING MEXICAN
CAR INSURANCE CONDUCTED AND NO RECORD LOCATED FOR ERIC STARVO
GALT.

LOS ANGELES HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS CALLS FROM LOCAL
CITIZENS AS RESULT OF PUBLICITY AND ALL LEADS BEING PURSUED
EXPEDITIOUSLY. RESULTS NEGATIVE TODAY.

LOS ANGELES CONTINUING TO DEVELOP INFORMATION LEADING
TO APPREHENSION OF GALT.

GALT ARMED AND DANGEROUS

COPY OF THIS TELETYPE BEING SENT TO SAN FRANCISCO VIA
AIR MAIL.

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THEIR MOLDS NATIONALLY AND THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF SUCH MOLDS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ALONE. NO RECORDS IN EITHER COMPANY REFLECT THE INITIALS "RGT" OR A CUSTOMER'S NAME WHICH WOULD LOGICALLY PRODUCE SUCH INITIALS. OWNERS AT BOTH COMPANIES ADVISED THE ONLY WAY THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE REAR TIRES ON GALT'S AUTO AS BEING RECAPPED FROM ONE OF THE MOLDS SOLD BY THEIR RESPECTIVE COMPANIES WOULD BE IF THEY HAD A PHOTO OR REPRODUCTION OF THE TREAD ON THE TIRES AS THESE TREAD MARKS ARE UNIQUE TO EACH COMPANY.

ATLANTA IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN DETAILED REPRODUCTIONS OR PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE TIRE TREAD AND FORWARD SAME TO LOS ANGELES IN ORDER THAT FURTHER EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY THE MOLD MAY BE UNDERTAKEN.

RE: ERIC LEROY CASEY - SUSPECT:

CASEY, WHITE, MALE, BORN

AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA, INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS AT TUCKER, ARIZONA TODAY. CASEY DOES NOT RESEMBLE PHOTOGRAPH FURNISHED IN THIS CASE AND POLORID PHOTOS OF CASEY TAKEN. CASEY HAS BEEN IN CALIFORNIA APPROXIMATELY THREE MONTHS, COMING TO CALIFORNIA FROM AMARILLO, TEXAS. STATED WAS ARRESTED

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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM AND ATLANTA

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 8P

MURKIN.

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY INVESTIGATION APRIL EIGHTEEN INSTANT.

PHOTOGRAPHS ERIC S. GALT EXHIBITED TO EMPLOYEES REBEL MOTEL AND RESTAURANT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

PHOTOGRAPHS ERIC S. GALT EXHIBITED TO BESSIE BREWER, FRANK BREWER, AND CHARLES STEPHENS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

CHARLES BALLARD, REGISTERED AT LORRAINE MOTEL, FOUR ZERO SIX MULBERRY AVENUE, MEMPHIS, TENN., APRIL THREE AND FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, INTERVIEWED BUT COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION CONCERNING ASSASSINATION DR. KING.

MOTELS ON HIGHWAY FIFTYONE NORTH TO MILLINGTON, FROM MEMPHIS, RECHECKED FOR BEDSPREADS AND PHOTO OF GALT DISPLAYED, BOTH WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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INVESTIGATION RE CONTINENTAL DANCE STUDIOS REVEALED THAT CHARLIE HARTZELL, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, FORMERLY EMPLOYED WITH CONTINENTAL DANCE STUDIO, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, FOR PERIOD JANUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, THROUGH AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE, IN CAPACITY OF MANAGER. IN THIS CAPACITY HE KEPT ALL RECORDS, ALL PAYMENTS FROM STUDENTS, AND STATED DOES NOT RECALL THE NAME OF GALT DURING THE PERIOD HE WAS WITH STUDIOS. HARTZELL STATED THAT MEYERS, FORMER OWNER OF CONTINENTAL STUDIOS, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, PRESENTLY IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, HAS PHOTOS OF STUDENTS AND INSTRUCTORS AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. HARTZELL STATED HAS LIST OF ALL STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED CONTINENTAL STUDIOS DURING HIS TENURE THERE, AND WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE THESE RECORDS AND MAKE THEM AVAILABLE APRIL NINETEEN, NEXT.

PHOTO AND COMPOSITE DRAWING OF GALT DISPLAYED TO HARTZELL AND HE STATED DID NOT RECOGNIZE AS BEING A STUDENT ATTENDING CONTINENTAL DANCE STUDIOS, NEW ORLEANS, DURING HIS TEN YEARS THERE.

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WHITE FEMALE INFORMANT OF MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT REINTERVIEWED BY BUREAU AGENTS THIS DATE. UPON VIEWING A PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC STARVO GALT SHE ADVISED THERE ARE DEFINITE DISSIMILARITIES IN THAT THE MAN SHE KNEW AS ERIC STEFAN GAULDEN (PHONETIC) HAS EARS WHICH LIE CLOSE TO HIS HEAD, WHILE GALT'S EARS PROTRUDE AND THIS IS A PHYSICAL FEATURE OF MEN WHICH SHE ALWAYS NOTICES. INFORMANT STATES THAT THE HAIRLINE OF GALT RECEDES FAR MORE THAN THE HAIRLINE OF PERSON KNOWN TO HER AS GAULDEN. SHE ALSO STATED THAT GAULDEN DID SMOKE CIGARETTES PREFERRING NON FILTER TYPE BECAUSE ONE NIGHT HIS CIGARETTES, BRAND NAME UNKNOWN, WERE ACCIDENTALLY RUINED BY A SPILLED DRINK AND HE TOOK ONE OF HER CIGARETTES AND TORE OFF THE MENTHOL FILTER.

INFORMANT ALSO STATED THAT GAULDEN CARRIED AND APPARENTLY TOOK LITTLE LIGHT GREEN TABLETS APPROXIMATELY ONE FOURTH INCH IN DIAMETER BRANDED "MC NEIL." SHE FURNISHED ONE OF THESE PILLS GIVEN TO HER BY GAULDEN AND BY COMPARISON WITH CHARTS MAINTAINED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE IT WAS DETERMINED TO BE A METHAMPHETAMINE TABLET TRADE NAME SYNDROX, WHICH IS A "PEP PILL."

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ADDITIONAL CONTACT WITH KNOWN ASSOCIATES OF GORDON FORBES AND INFORMANT WHO FREQUENT CLUBS MENTIONED IN PRIOR TELETYPES HAVE FAILED TO DEVELOP ANY INFORMATION TO INDICATE THAT THE PERSON DESCRIBED BY INFORMANT AS BEING ERIC EVEN EXISTS. ONE SOURCE WHO KNOWS GORDON FORBES WELL STATED THAT HE KNOWS EVERY ASSOCIATE AND ACQUAINTANCE OF GORDON FORBES AND THAT NONE OF THESE PERSONS RESEMBLE THE MAN DESCRIBED BY INFORMANT. THIS SAME SOURCE ON A REGULAR BASIS FREQUENTS THE SAME CLUBS AND LOUNGES IN MEMPHIS AND HAS NEVER OBSERVED AN INDIVIDUAL FITTING THE DESCRIPTION OF GAULDEN.

ACCORDING TO THE INFORMANT WANDA WILKES HAS BEEN PRESENT WITH THE GROUP ON ALL OCCASIONS AND SHE HAS OBSERVED GAULDEN, AND SHE SHOULD BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY ERIC GAULDEN. HOWEVER EFFORTS TO LOCATE WILKES HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE. WILKES HAS NOT BEEN OBSERVED AT HER NORMAL RESIDENCE AND EFFORTS TO LOCATE HER NIGHTLY PLACE OF ABODE IS CONTINUING.

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JOHN MC FERREN, ROUTE FOUR, BOX ONE THREE THREE A, SOMERVILLE, TENN., WAS INTERVIEWED BY MEMPHIS AGENT ON APRIL EIGHT LAST, AFTER STATING THAT HE HAD SOME INFORMATION TO FURNISH CONCERNING THE SHOOTING OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

MC FERREN ADVISED THAT ON THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL FOUR LAST, HE PICKED UP SUPPLIES FOR HIS GROCERY STORE AT LL AND L PRODUCE CO., EIGHT ONE FOUR SCOTT STREET, MEMPHIS, TENN. MC FERREN STATED THAT WHILE AT THE LL AND L PRODUCE CO., HE OVERHEARD A HEAVY SET WHITE MALE TALKING ON THE PHONE AND STATED THAT HE HEARD THE HEAVY SET MAN SAY "KILL THE SOB ON THE BALCONY AND GET THE JOB DONE. YOU WILL GET YOUR FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS."

MC FERREN STATED THAT ANOTHER WHITE MALE WITH A SCAR ON HIS RIGHT CHEEK CAME BY AT THIS TIME AND TOLD HIM TO GO ON TO THE BACK OF THE PRODUCE COMPANY AND HELP HIMSELF.

MC FERREN STATED AFTER COMPLETING HIS BUSINESS IN THE BACK OF THE PRODUCE MARKET, HE HEARD TELEPHONE RING AGAIN
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AS HE WAS PASSING THE OFFICE. THE TELEPHONE WAS ANSWERED BY THE MAN WITH THE SCAR AND MC FERREN SAID HE COULD NOT HEAR WHAT THIS MAN SAID. THE MAN WITH THE SCAR THEN HANDED THE TELEPHONE TO THE HEAVY SET MAN AND MC FERREN SAID HE HEARD THIS MAN SAYING "DON'T COME OUT HERE. GO TO NEW ORLEANS AND GET YOUR MONEY. YOU KNOW MY BROTHER."

MC FERREN STATED THAT HE ATTACHED NO SIGNIFICANCE TO THESE REMARKS AT THE TIME AND LEFT THE PRODUCE COMPANY EN ROUTE TO HIS HOME AT APPROXIMATELY FIVE FIFTEEN P.M.

MC FERREN ADVISED THAT WHEN HE ARRIVED HOME AT SOMERVILLE, TENN., AT APPROXIMATELY SIX FIFTEEN P.M., HE WAS ADVISED BY A NEIGHBOR THAT KING HAD BEEN SHOT. HE STATED THAT ON THE FOLLOWING DAY HE SAW A SKETCH OF THE UNSUB IN A NEWSPAPER WHICH WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A LIKENESS OF THE UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL WHO SHOT KING AND WHEN HE COMPARED THE DESCRIPTION FURNISHED BY HIS WIFE FROM THE NEWSPAPER AND THE SKETCH WHICH APPEARED IN THE PAPER, HE THOUGHT OF A PERSON WHO WAS EMPLOYED AT THE LL AND L PRODUCE COMPANY SOMETIME IN THE LATE FALL OR EARLY WINTER LAST YEAR.

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MC FERREN IS OF THE OPINION THAT THIS MAN WHOM HE SAW IS IDENTICAL WITH THE SKETCH THAT HE SAW IN THE NEWSPAPER AND THEREFORE FEELS THAT THIS IS THE INDIVIDUAL WHO SHOT KING. HE DESCRIBED THIS INDIVIDUAL AS FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE FOUR ZERO POUNDS, WHITE MALE, SLENDER BUILD AND APPROXIMATELY TWENTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE.

MC FERREN REINTERVIEWED BY MEMPHIS AGENTS THIS DATE AND GIVES ESSENTIALLY THE SAME STORY THAT HE GAVE TO MEMPHIS AGENT ON APRIL EIGHT LAST.

MC FERREN SUSPICIOUS BECAUSE OF AN INDIVIDUAL HE KNOWS FROM SONERVILLE, TENN., PRESENTLY RESIDING LOUISIANA, VISITED HIS RESIDENCE THIS A.M., AND ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING HIS TRAVEL. MC FERREN IDENTIFIES THIS INDIVIDUAL AS ROBERT POWERS WHO CAME TO HIS RESIDENCE A.M., INSTANT DATE WITH HIS WIFE, DRIVING A ONE NINE SIX SIX - ONE NINE SIX SEVEN LATE MODEL BEIGE CADILLAC.

MC FERREN ADVISED THAT HE WAS NOT THREATENED BY THIS INDIVIDUAL AND THE ONLY REASON THAT HE SUSPECTS POWERS OF BEING STRANGE IS THAT MC FERREN STATES IT IS NOT COMMON FOR

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A WHITE MAN TO SHAKE A NEGRO MAN'S HAND IN HIS PARTICULAR ENVIRONMENT.

MC FERREN WAS SHOWN SIX RANDOM PHOTOGRAPHS, ONE OF WHICH INCLUDED SUBJECT ERIC STARVO GALT AND DEFINITELY ELIMINATED GALT AS THE INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE SUSPECTS CAME TO THE LL AND L PRODUCE COMPANY AND IS IDENTICAL TO THE SKETCH IN THE NEWSPAPER HE SAW.

MC FERREN PICKED THREE PHOTOGRAPHS OF INDIVIDUAL WHO ARE UNDER TWENTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE AND WHO DO NOT RESEMBEL GALT AT ALL. ONE INDIVIDUAL IN THE PHOTOGRAPH IS KNOWN TO BE IN PRISON AT THIS TIME AND THE OTHER TWO ARE NOT KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN THE MEMPHIS AREA AT ANY TIME.

INVESTIGATION AT LL AND L PRODUCE COMPANY, MEMPHIS, REVEALED JAMES LATCH AND FRANK LABERTO, PROPRIETORS OF THIS COMPANY. THESE INDIVIDUALS UNAVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW AND OWNER OF TONY SANSON PRODUCE COMPANY STATED FRANK LABERTO PRESENTLY IN HAMMOND, LOUISIANA, BUYING STRAWBERRIES. SANSONE STATES FRANK LABERTO HAS A BROTHER, TONY LABERTO,
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WHO RESIDES IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. FRANK LABERTO AND JAMES LATCH FIT THE DESCRIPTION GIVEN BY MC FERREN AS INDIVIDUALS AT THE LL AND L PRODUCE COMPANY, MEMPHIS.

JAMES LATCH WILL BE INTERVIEWED APRIL NINETEEN NEXT AND FRANK LABERTO WILL BE INTERVIEWED UPON HIS RETURN FROM HAMMOND, LOUISIANA. ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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2:40 AM URGENT 4-19-68 ARK *gwr*

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES AND NEW ORLEANS
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386)

MURKIN.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED ATLANTA APRIL EIGHTEEN
NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

RE: CONTACT WITH SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
(SCLC.)

DORA MC DONALD, SECRETARY TO KING, CONTACTED TO DETERMINE
~~WHETHER~~ ^{WHETHER} SUBJECT GALT KNOWN OR PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED BY SCLC
STAFF MEMBERS. PERTINENT STAFF MEMBERS ARE PRESENTLY IN A
RETREAT AND UNAVAILABLE. GALT UNKNOWN TO MC DONALD. EFFORTS
CONTINUING TO INTERVIEW PERTINENT STAFF UPON THEIR RETURN TO
CITY.

RE: LOCAL POLICE ACTION.

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ATLANTA PD DETAINED ONE RICHARD GORDON PRESSLEY AT LOCAL

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BLOOD BANK BECAUSE OF SIMILARITY IN APPEARENCE TO GALT. DETENTION RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE LOCAL PUBLICITY AND INVESTIGATION REFLECTS PRESSLEY NOT IDENTICAL TO GALT BUT IS A CARNIVAL WORKER AND ALCOHOLIC.

RE DRIVER'S LICENSE CHECK

RECORDS OF STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE CHECKS FOR LICENSEES IN NAME OF GALT AND VARIATIONS THEREOF. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING ON EIGHT SUCH PERSONS SO LICENSED.

RE: STATE PATROL TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.

RECORDS OF THE GEORGIA STATE MVB REFLECT ONLY ONE RECENT ARREST OF INDIVIDUAL WITH NAME GALT WHICH PERSON DETERMINED TO BE FEMALE, BORN RESIDING IN TENN. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY IMMEDIATE MEMBER OF HER FAMILY COULD BE SUBJECT.

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RE: SAFETY-DEPOSIT BOXES

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED IN THE FOURTEENTH ST. AREA OF ALL BANKS FOR THE IDENTITY OF PERSONS RENTING SAFETY-DEPOSIT BOXES DURING PERTINENT PERIOD. INVESTIGATION COMPLETED AND NO PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

RE: CITY MAP OF ATLANTA WITH INKED NOTATIONS.

EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CONTINUING UTILIZING PHOTOS OF GALT IN AREA ENCOMPASSING HIGHLAND VIEW DR. AND PONCE DE LEON TERRACE VICINITY. THUS FAR, NO PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

RE: TELEVISION OBTAINED FROM ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST. ROOMING HOUSE.

BUREAU LEAD.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO FORWARD PHOTOS OF ZENITH TELEVISION SET FURNISHED BY ATLANTA OFFICE TO THE FBI LABORATORY FOR EXAMINATION TO THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE WITH APPROPRIATE LEAD FOR IT TO BE SHOWN TO WITNESS, BELIEVED TO BE RITA STEIN, FOR IDENTIFICATION OF INSTANT TELEVISION.

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RE: NATIONAL NEWS RELEASE

AS RESULT OF NATIONAL NEWS RELEASE AND ATTENDANT PUBLICITY THERE TO, NUMEROUS PRESS INQUIRIES CONTINUE AND HAS STIMULATED VOLUMINOUS NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS AND EFFORTS TO BE OF ASSISTANCE ON THE PART OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC. ALL PERTINENT LEADS BEING HANDLED PROMPTLY IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INFORMATION.

RE: CHECK OF AIR FLIGHTS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

INVESTIGATION REFLECTS LIMITED AIR CONNECTION FROM ATLANTA TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES WITH DELTA HAVING CONNECTIONS WITH PAN AMERICAN TO LONDON AND FRANCE AND EASTERN AIRLINES HAVING FLIGHTS TO MEXICO. OTHER EASTERN FOREIGN FLIGHTS ARE TO CANADA. APPROPRIATE LEADS SET FORTH FOR CHECKING MANIFEST FOR PERTINENT FLIGHTS AND DISPLAY OF PHOTO OF GALT TO CREW ^EM~~A~~MBERS.

RE TELEPHONE CALLS.

ATTEMPT BEING MADE TO IDENTIFY LONG DISTANCE CALLS PLACED BY TENANTS OF ROOMING HOUSE WHERE GALT RESIDED THRU TENANTS.

RE: SIGNIFICANT IDENTIFICATION.

NIGHT OF APRIL EIGHTEEN SIXTYEIGHT SOURCE TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED AFTER VIEWING TV NEWS BROADCASTS AND NEWS ARTICLES WITHOUT ANY HESITANCY THAT PERSON BEING SOUGHT IN KING MURDER WAS FORMERLY EMPLOYED AS TELEPHONE ADVERTISING SOLICITOR IN APRIL OR MAY NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, ATLANTA USING NAME OF JOHN WILLARD. SOURCE ADVISED TWENTY DOLLARS WAS FORWARDED TO JOHN WILLARD AT HIS ADDRESS IN UNKNOWN CITY LOCATED IN LOUISIANA.
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THREE CITIES ARE PROMINENT IN SOURCES MIND AS TO WHERE FUNDS WERE SENT WHICH ARE LAKE CHARLES, SHREVEPORT OR MONROE, LOUISIANA. WILLARD DURING SAME PERIOD WAS MOON LIGHTING AS PARTTIME BARTENDER. SOURCE ADVISED WILLARD QUIT SALES JOB AFTER TWO WEEKS AND SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS TO SEVERAL BARS AND RESTAURANTS ATLANTA FOR EMPLOYMENT. SOURCE ADVISED WILLARD WAS RECOMMENDED FOR SUCCESSFUL PAST SALES PERFORMANCE IN SIMILIAR CAPACITY IN LOUISIANA. SOURCE CAN NOT RECALL WHO RECOMMENDED WILLARD BUT WILL ENDEAVOR TO LEARN IDENTITY AND ADVISE.

WILLARD DESCRIBED BY SOURCE AS POSSIBLY OF RURAL BACKGROUND WITH ACCENT OR DIALECT HE DESCRIBES AS POSSIBLY "CAJON". HIS AVOCATION IN LIFE APPEARED TO BE A BARTENDER. A FELLOW EMPLOYEE OF WILLARD IDENTIFIED AS FRAN MURRAY AND BELIEVED RESIDENT PARK HOTEL, ATLANTA, WAS LESBIAN AGE FIFTY DASH SIXTY. ONE THING MURRAY HAD IN COMMON WITH WILLARD WAS THEIR MUTUAL INTEREST IN DANCING. THEY WERE OBSERVED SHOWING EACH OTHER NEW DANCE STEPS.

WILLARD WAS DESCRIBED AS NEAT, PROMPT, NEVER OBSERVED WHEN HE HAD BEEN DRINKING, ALWAYS WORE COAT, WHITE SHIRT AND BOW TIES. WARDROBE WHILE NOT EXTENSIVE DESCRIBED AS CONSERVATIVE, GOOD QUALITY CLOTHES, EXPENSIVE SHOES AND IN GOOD TASTE. USUALLY CARRIED OR WORE LIGHT TAN TRENCH COAT OR RAIN COAT. NEVER KNOWN TO OWN CAR. BOW TIES WORN DURING PERIOD WERE EITHER RED OR BLACK.

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WHILE EMPLOYED UNDER NAME OF JOHN WILLARD USED NAME OF "BILL" WILLARD AS TOO MANY OTHERS HAD GIVEN NAME OF JOHN IN OFFICE. WILLARD HAD EXCELLANT TELEPHONE SALES PITCH REFLECTING PREVIOUS LENGTHY EMPLOYMENT IN THIS FIELD.

ON ONE OCCASION WILLARD ARRIVED AT WORK UNSHAVE. WHILE SHAVING WITH ELECTRIC RAZOR COMMENTED OUT LOUD "MAN I'M STARVO". FELLOW EMPLOYEE OVER HEARD AND SAID YOU MEAN YOUR STARVING DON'T YOU. WILLARD SAID I MEAN STARVO IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE AS THAT'S ONE OF MY NAMES.

WILLARD REPORTEDLY STAYED JEFFERSON HOTEL, ATLANTA. CHECK OF RECORDS DURING PERIOD REFLECTS ONLY ONE PERSON REGISTERED FROM LOUISIANA UNDER NAME GLEN WARD, FOUR NINE ONE SIX JEFFERSON AVE., NEW ORLEANS, FOR APRIL SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

WILLARD DESCRIBED AS MANNERLY, A GENTLEMAN AND SOMEWHAT VAIN IN APPEARANCE OF HAIR. HAIR DESCRIBED AS MEDIUM BROWN WAVY AND LAYS CLOSE TO SCALP GIVING IMPRESSION OF SHORT OR CREW CUT HAIR. WILLARD CONSTANTLY CRAVING FOR MONEY. NEVER MENTIONED FAMILY, PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE OR OTHER PERSONAL HISTORY.

SOURCE ENDEAVORING TO DETERMINE WILLARD'S RESIDENCE IN LOUISIANA PRIOR TO COMING ATLANTA FROM RECORDS. THIS INFO WILL BE AVAILABLE APRIL TWENTY NEXT.

CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN PROTECTING IDENTITY OF SOURCE WHO IS COOPERATING SOMEWHAT RELUCTANTLY BECAUSE OF POLITICAL CONNECTION'S AND RAMIFICATIONS IN ALABAMA.

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ONE THREE BY FIVE CARD BEARING HANDWRITING OF WILLARD OBTAINED REFLECTING SALE OF ADVERTISING. SHOULD HAVE SEVENTY ONE OTHER CARDS WITH SPECIMENS OF HANDWRITING WHICH SOURCE IS ENDEAVORING TO LOCATE. CARD OBTAINED BEING FORWARDED EXPEDITIOUSLY TO BUREAU LAB.

INVESTIGATION ATLANTA DILIGENTLY BEING PURSUED.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MOBILE
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re: Roominghouse at 113 14th St., N. E., Atlanta, Georgia

Re Mobile teletype to Bureau, 4/16/68.

On 4/18/68, Mr. M. J. WILSON, Personnel Department, Square D Electronics Co., Inc., 1401 Marietta Boulevard, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia, advised that BILLY JOE FAULKNER terminated his employment with the Square D Electronics Co., Inc. on 8/11/67. He stated that he has had no recent inquiries or received any information as to current employment or residence in Atlanta for FAULKNER.

On 4/19/68, a check of the records of the Credit Bureau of Atlanta and the Police Department, Atlanta, were conducted concerning FAULKNER with negative results.

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AT MIDLAND CITY, ALABAMA

Will maintain contact with the father of BILLY JOE

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FAULKNER in continued effort to determine his residence and employment.

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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Will maintain contact with roominghouse owner at 113 14th Street, N. E., in continued efforts to ascertain location of FAULKNER.

DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

4/19/68

SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

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Transmitted herewith are two handkerchiefs containing sample tapes with codes D2B-6; 02B-6; and 20R-3.

The gray tape samples were obtained from Thermoseal machine, model H5M4B1, serial number 32794, located at the Chamblee Sunshine Cleaning Center, 2458 Carroll Ave., Chamblee, Ga.

The yellow tape code samples were obtained from the Shallowford Sunshine Cleaning Center, Shallowford Plaza, 2604 Shallowford Road, NE, Atlanta, Ga. from Thermoseal machine, serial number 34209.

One individual operates these two establishments plus three other establishments in the northeast Atlanta metropolitan area and he has a Thermoseal machine in each establishment. He advised that he has not used yellow tape at any establishment at any time except at the Shallowford Sunshine Cleaning Center, Shallowford Plaza, Atlanta, Ga., where samples were obtained. He stated that this establishment did use two rolls of red tape at one time, but the code 02B-6 or D2B-6 would not have been used by his establishment.

Inasmuch as this chain of laundries would not have used yellow or red tape except at the one location, no other samples were obtained.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the sample tapes from the Thermoseal machines enclosed with those previously submitted in captioned matter in an effort to determine if those specimens could have been made on one of the machines from which the enclosed samples were obtained.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

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SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

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There are being submitted herewith the following items for examination by the Lab and to be processed for latent fingerprints:

1) Eastern Airlines ticket envelope for flight 399Y, Atlanta to Memphis, which was furnished by DANNY BATES, 484 Broyles Street, S.E., on 4/18/68, and was found by him in the area of the abandoned 1966 Mustang.

2) 3 x 5 card recording contact sale made by JOHN WILLARD in approximately May, 1967 or June, 1967. Handwriting of WILLARD is on the face of card.

The Bureau is requested to advise Atlanta, Memphis and Birmingham of the results of examination.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent KENNETH R. HEINEMAN at Atlanta, Georgia.

On April 16, 1968, Mr. MAURICE D. MARTIN, Supervisor, Checker Cab Company, 464 North Avenue, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia, advised that from a review of the trip sheets and call records of his company, it could be determined that only six drivers had made trips to the 14th and Peachtree Street area of Atlanta during the twenty-four hours of April 5, 1968. He furnished the following list of those drivers, each of whom was exhibited an artist's conception of ERIC STARVO GALT, but was unable to identify GALT as having ever ~~been~~ a passenger in his cab and certainly not such a passenger on the calls made in the 14th and Peachtree Street area on April 5, 1968:

Mr. THOMAS TURNER, Mr. RALPH HARDY, Mr. HAROLD CLARKE, Mr. MERRITT WELLBORN, Mr. BILLY JOE CRONAN.

Mr. MARTIN also furnished the name of Mr. MACK HOYT, who made a call at Number 42, 13th Street, on April 5, 1968.

On April 17, 1968, Mr. MACK HOYT, a driver for Checker Cab Company, 464 North Avenue, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia, advised that his call at 42, 13th Street on April 5, 1968, was to pick up a woman at the apartment complex there. When shown a photograph of an artist's conception of ERIC STARVO GALT, HOYT advised that on Tuesday, April 9, 1968, at approximately 2:30 p.m., he picked up a man on Williams Street who had just come out of the Dinkler Hotel. This man looked very much like the photograph exhibited to Mr. HOYT, and HOYT recalls that **this** man told him that he wanted to go out in the neighborhood of Cheshire Bridge Road and Piedmont Avenue, N. E. HOYT drove him out Piedmont Avenue to the Summit Club, at which time the man told HOYT that he wanted to get out of the cab there. HOYT let him out of the cab near the Summit Club and drove away. HOYT stated that he does not know whether or not this man went into the Summit Club, and he is not entirely positive in his identification of the photograph. However, Mr. HOYT did state that the man bore a remarkable resemblance to the person in the photograph.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 18, 1968

Mrs. MARY L. BRIDGES, 170 Woodward Avenue, Apartment 550, was exhibited seven photographs including two of ERIC STARVO GALT. Mrs. BRIDGES could not identify any of the photographs. She explained that, in regard to the man who had parked the 1966 Mustang near her apartment, she had never seen his face. She advised she had only seen the back of his head, and she did not believe she could identify him.

On 4/17/68 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386 -754
by SA ROBERT K. LEWIS *RL*
SA RICHARD J. CIECKA RKL:ces Date dictated 4/17/68

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Date April 18, 1968

LUCY CAYTON, 149 Memorial, Apartment 490, was exhibited seven photographs including two of ERIC STARVO GALT. CAYTON said the photograph of GALT with his eyes open appears identical to the individual she saw leaving the white 1966 Mustang near her apartment. She stated she feels certain this individual was GALT.

On 4/17/68 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386 - 755
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Date April 18, 1968

Mrs. ERNEST PAYNE, 166 Woodward Avenue, Apartment 551, was exhibited photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT. These were included among five other photographs. Mrs. PAYNE advised she could not identify any photographs. She stated she only had a profile view of the man who parked the 1966 Mustang near her apartment. She said it was her impression that the man she saw appeared younger than GALT, and his hair was lighter. She felt the man she had seen was about thirty years old.

On 4/17/68 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386 -756
by SA ROBERT K. LEWIS ^p
SA RICHARD J. CIECKA ^{ci} RKL:ces Date dictated 4/17/68

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, 44-2386

DATE: 4-19-68

FROM : Complaint Clerk Jerry Roseberry

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: UNSUB: PERSON RESEMBLING GALT

MRS. ALFRED BRUNER, 3900 E. Brookhaven Dr., Atlanta, called at 10:30 am today and advised that yesterday just before noon she saw a man standing in front of R genstein's dept. store on Peachtree that resembles GALT. Man was wearing blue jeans and jacket and had a new growth of beard on his chin.

LEAD:

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Will contact Mrs. ALFRED BRUNER, 3900 East Brookhaven Drive, Atlanta, in an effort to determine her competency and determine further descriptive information regarding person she observed so as to eliminate as Unsub.
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JDR/jdr

Lead assigned to SA COLOMBELL.



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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, 44-2386

DATE: 4-19-68

FROM : Complaint Clerk Jerry Roseberry

SUBJECT: MURKIN

An anonymous Negro female called at 10:35 am today and advised that around 4:00 pm 4-18-68 she observed a man standing in the doorway of a boarding house on Tenth Street that appeared to look like photo of GALT. Boarding house is located between Peachtrees and is on corner of West Peachtree and Tenth.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Atlanta (44-2386)(P)

DATE: 4-18-68

FROM : SA JOHN F. LEUCK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This evening a phone call was received from WILLIAM COLEMAN, 22 Leathers St., N.W. Atlanta, Ga., having telephone No. 799-1574. He stated that he is presently employed at the Brookwood Pharmacy, 1925 Peachtree Road, Atlanta. He further advised that last night at approximately 7:40 PM a white male, 5'11", 35-40, and having brown hair came into the drug store and wanted to purchase a comb. He stated that the fellow was very nervous and did not want to pay 50¢ for one, so Mr. COLEMAN found a cheaper one for him. He stated that while he was looking for a cheaper comb the man talked to VIVIAN PURDY who was also working at that time. He said that when he saw the photo of GALT in the newspaper this morning he immediately thought it was of the person in the drug store last night--- 4/17/68. He stated that the fellow was very nervous and left just before they closed at eight PM.

Mr. COLEMAN stated that he works from NOON until 8PM and may be contacted at home or at work. In conclusion he stated that he does NOT want the persons at the drug store to know that he called us relative to this matter and thus if contacted at work the agents should not mention the call in front of others.

LEADS--AT ATLANTA

Contact WILLIAM COLEMAN and VIVIAN PURDY and conduct appropriate investigation to eliminate or positively identify GALT as the person in Brookwood Pharmacy on the night of 4-17-68.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA 44-2386

DATE: 4-19-68

FROM : Complaint Clerk Jerry Roseberry

SUBJECT: MURKIN

MRS. DORA PATTERSON, 1165 St. Charles Place, Atlanta, 872-2938, called at 11:00 am and advised that only a few minutes ago a man fitting description of GALT parked a maroon Ford in front of the 2nd house from Briarcliff on St. Charles Place and walked down the street. He was wearing a partial soldier's uniform, i.e., khaki clothing.

LEAD:

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Lead being assigned SA GRANFIELD re above; conduct neighborhood investigation vicinity of St. Charles Place.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

FROM : SA JOHN P. GRANFIELD

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

DATE: 4/19/68

Re: Bartender Phase

On 4/18/68, STEFAN POPESCU, owner of "The Farm" Restaurant, 3820 Roswell Road, Atlanta, Georgia, telephone 237-7504, advised that he operated "The Red Barn" Restaurant from 1962 until January 25, 1968, when it was destroyed by fire. He stated the restaurant has not yet been rebuilt. He added he acquired "The Farm" on 9/29/67, and operated both "The Farm" and "The Red Barn" from that date until "The Red Barn" was burned down.

He advised that individuals frequently approach him to work as bartenders but that no formal applications are filed by those individuals but that occasionally a slip of paper bearing the name and the address of the applicant would be executed. He added, however, that all of these records were destroyed in the fire at "The Red Barn." He viewed a photograph of Subject ERIC STARVO GALT with negative results and advised that he did not look at all familiar to him. He advised that the names of JOHN WILLARD, JOHN STARVO, ERIC STARVO, ERIC STARVO GALT, and HARVEY LOHMEYER were not familiar to him.

He added that for a portion of time that he operated "The Red Barn", RICHARD FRITZ was Assistant Manager. He stated that FRITZ occasionally interviewed bartender applicants. FRITZ, according to POPESCU, following the fire at "The Red Barn" worked at the Regency Hotel, Atlanta, and then went to the Kitten's Korner.

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He advised that BLAIR WATSON was the bartender at "The Red Barn" and also interviewed bartender applicants, and WATSON is now employed at the Hyatt House in Denver, Colorado. He added that no other individuals would have interviewed bartender applicants at "The Red Barn."

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9:17 AM CST 4-19-68 URGENT KEK

TO: MEMPHIS (44-1978), ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO,
MIAMI, NEW ORLEANS, LOS ANGELES
FROM: HOUSTON (44-1509) 1 PAGE

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RELATEL, APRIL SEVENTEEN, LAST.

HOUSTON STREET, TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES, CREDIT & CRIMINAL
CHECKS NEGATIVE RE HOWARD O. OWENS.

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TO SAC, JACKSON
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: Memphis
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Re Suspect Division

On 4/18/68 Miss JEAN WHITTINGTON, Manager, Indices Section, Arson and Fraud Division, American Insurance Association, Regional Office, 161 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, advised SA CHARLES PAUL ROSE that the records of her office failed to reflect any listing for ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, or HARVEY LOWMYER.

The indices reflect that one JOHN M. WILLARD, 1227 Baggan Drive, Tupelo, Mississippi, reported an injury in an accident on 11/21/63. He was described as a white male, age 28 years, and married. It was alleged he sprained his back lifting a wrecked car in Tupelo, Mississippi and was seen by Dr. MALCOLM MOORE, Tupelo, Mississippi. The insurance company in this matter was U. S. Fidelity Guaranty, Tupelo, Mississippi and their file number is 142C3226.

The indices further reflect that JOHN E.

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WILLARD, Post Office Box 178, Zephyrhills, Florida, was involved in an accident receiving an abrasion on his face on U. S. 301, Zephyrhills, Florida, on 7/27/66.

At that time JOHN E. WILLARD was a white male, 26 years of age, and the insured in the accident was RILEY HARRIS, insured by State Farm Mutual, 5207 North Lois, Tampa, Florida. State Farm Mutual's case file number is 591073-036.

Jackson and Tampa will conduct logical investigation to ascertain if JOHN M. WILLARD, Tupelo, Mississippi and JOHN E. WILLARD, Zephyrhills, Florida, should be considered as logical suspects in captioned matter.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA WILBUR W. SEITZER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: LAUNDRY PHASE OF INVESTIGATION

Rememo of SA JAMES J. ROSE dated 4/16/68.

DEWEY CARROLL, Plant Superintendent, Sno-White Laundry and Cleaners, Inc., 115 Flint Avenue, Albany, Georgia, advised on 4/19/68, that they do use yellow Thermoseal laundry tapes, however, in checking his records back to August of 1967, which is the last that he has, there was no 20R-3 used.

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4/19/68

SA O. RICHARD HAMILTON

MURKIN

At 8:20 a.m. this date, Mr. STANLEY ST. CLAIR, 1612 Elleby Rd., SE, Atlanta, home telephone number 627-5001, telephonically contacted the writer and stated that he works at Friedman Jewelers, Broadview Plaza Shopping Center, Atlanta.

In connection with the captioned case, ST. CLAIR recalls that an individual furnishing the name HARVEY GAW, came into Friedman Jewelers and put a set of rings on lay away on 2/8/68. He returned to the store on 2/12/68 accompanied by a woman and at that time stated that he was remarrying his ex-wife. Presumably the woman accompanying was his ex-wife. They got the rings out of lay away and signed a contract for the payment of them.

HARVEY GAW furnished references in Tennessee who were checked out by the store and determined to be reliable people. He stated he was self employed in that he owned a laundromat in Cookeville, Tennessee.

Since they got the rings out of lay away, the store has received one or two payments for the rings and there is a remaining balance of about \$700. The last payment was received this month from the woman who lives in Atlanta. ST. CLAIR does not know the address furnished by the woman, but stated he could get this from the records at the store. At the time the payment was received from the woman, there was an indication that although she was living here, HARVEY GAW was supposed to be living in Cookeville, Tennessee.

ST. CLAIR stated that he recalls on the second occasion that GAW visited the store, he and the woman were driving in a white Mustang and he recalled that GAW was doing the driving. On that second visit, GAW identified his female companion as RUBY GAW and he stated they had a teenage son.

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ST. CLAIR stated that HARVEY GALT fits the description of the subject in this case and he described him as being in his middle thirties, approximately 5'9" to 5'10", medium build and he had dark hair which was fairly short. He wore a dark business suit and judging from the conversation, he did not feel that GAW was well educated.

He stated he was furnishing the information in view of the similarity of descriptions, the fact that as he recalls GAW he looked similar in appearance to the picture of the subject as has been shown on television and in the newspapers, the fact that he drove a white Mustang and the fact that the name HARVEY GAW is similar to HARVEY LOWMEYER and GALT.

He stated this has been discussed at Friedman Jewelers, however other employees have refused to call the FBI because they do not want to "get involved". He stated he was on his way to work and will check the contract record of this sale further and will call giving other information later today.

I advised him that I would probably not be here and he should talk with Supervisor HARDING and I mentioned to Supervisor HARDING that ST. CLAIR might call later in the day with further information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA 44-2386

DATE: 4-18-68

FROM : Complaint Clerk ^Jerry D. Roseberry

SUBJECT: MURKIN

GARRARD IMLAY, Coca Cola Bottlers Association, 166 16th St., 872-2258, called at 4:30 pm today and advised that he had reviewed his claim files for anyone using the name GALT or aliases and found a claim made on 8-4-41 by JOHN WILLARD, RFD 1, Ashville, Ala., and he was represented by Attry JOHN W. INZER.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA 44-2386

DATE: 4-19-68

FROM : Complaint Clerk Jerry D. Roseberry

SUBJECT: MURKIN

C.H. BENNISH, 317 Hillcrest Road, Acworth, Ga., 974-6746, called at 8:52 am today and advised that a service station attendant working the midnight shift at Super Test service station on Hwy 5 near Woodstock told him that he had seen a man who looks like GALT.

The attendant stated that on the morning after the FBI recovered the Mustang he observed 3 Negroes bring a white male to his station and the white male made a phone call. After making the call he told the Negroes to leave someone was coming to pick him up. In a few minutes a woman known to the attendant as Mrs. TAYLOR and who lives in a trailer court in Woodstock came and picked up the man.

The man was described as identical with photograph of GALT in the newspapers, but not like the artist picture that appeared in the paper. Further the attendant stated that this man made a statement to the effect that he could get better service in Mexico ^{action} and in the U.S. ^{than}

BENNISH suggested the attendant call the police or FBI and the attendant stated that he didn't want to get involved and though there is a reward out for GALT he stated it would not do him any good dead.

LEAD:

AT ACWORTH, GEORGIA

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Will conduct appropriate investigation at the Super Test Service Station on Highway 5 near Woodstock, Ga., in an attempt to determine identity of individual bearing resemblance of person described as RAY.

Lead assigned O'SHEA.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA 44-2386

FROM : Complaint Clerk Jerry D. Roseberry

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4-18-68

DAN COLE, Buford, Ga., 945-4889, called at 3:15 pm today and advised as follows:

While in prison in Texas a few years ago he met one JOHN HOBBS. COLE got out before HOBBS and returned to Buford and went into the used car business. Around the first of April HOBBS called him and said he would need a car, and would be contacting COLE. He again called withingx day or so from Morgan City, La., and stated he would be seeing COLE. On early morning, about daylight, he called COLE at home and said he and two friends needed a car. This was 4/4/68. He told COLE they had a "small Ford" and had to go to Tennessee to do a "rush job". COLE said he could not seal a car without cash.

HOBBS asked COLE to speak with one of his friends, GENE, which COLE did, but again refused to let them have a car. He has not heard any more from HOBBS.

HOBBS is a white male, 35, 5'10", 165lbs., "pin" marks on face, brown "brush" hair. He does not look like the picture published in Atlanta newspapers.

COLE stated the above may or may not have a connection with captioned case, but he felt he should report it.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Atlanta (44-2386) (P)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA WILBUR W. SEITZER

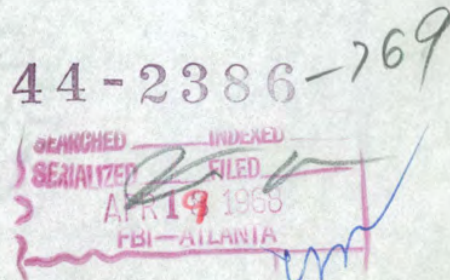
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RE: SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES

Sheriff EARLE POSEY, Crisp County, Cordele, Georgia, advised on April 18, 1968 that he has learned that there is a KENNETH CARTER, Manager, Carter Texaco Station, I-75, Cordele, Ga., who has a brother named ROY CARTER living in Atlanta, Georgia. Sheriff POSEY stated the address of ROY CARTER at Atlanta is unknown and ROY CARTER is a white male, age unknown.

Mr. WOODROW GAY (protect identity), Postmaster, Cordele, Georgia, advised on April 19, 1968 that there had been a ROY CARTER residing at Box 366, Route 2, Cordele, Georgia. He stated that ROY's father, J. S. CARTER, still resides at that address. He said that ROY CARTER has a brother who operates a Texaco Service Station on I-75 at Cordele. He said to the best of his knowledge, ROY CARTER is a white male, age about 50, and is supposed to be residing at either Atlanta, Georgia or Augusta, Georgia.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA CHARLES PAUL ROSE
SA ROBERT MICHAEL KANE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: Suspect Phase

On 4/10/68, Miss DELLA HUDSON, 1043 St. Charles Place, Apt. 14, telephonically contacted the Atlanta PD stating she had information concerning subject. Special Agents CHARLES PAUL ROSE and ROBERT MICHAEL KANE contacted Miss HUDSON during the evening hours of 4/17/68 at which time she was heavily intoxicated, incapable of coherent speech and in a staggering condition. She stated that she was acquainted with EARL GALT and knew his mother, ETHEL GALT, who lived in the vicinity of Franklin, N. C. She was unable to state how she met GALT or became acquainted with his mother other than to state she was from the same general area. She stated GALT contacted her a number of months ago at her place of employment, Jimmy's Restaurant, Bankhead Highway, and stated he was going to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING. She had observed a photograph of GALT on television and readily identified a photograph of GALT as being the individual known to her.

Miss HUDSON was recontacted 4/18/68 at approximately 10 a.m. at which time she was still heavily intoxicated and had been drinking early that morning. At this time she stated that she was well acquainted with JIMMY GALT and that he was the one who killed MARTIN LUTHER KING. She stated at this time she had originally met him when he broke into her apartment on Penn Avenue, Atlanta, Ga. a number of months ago and was standing over her when she awoke. She alleged he was in a semi-clothed condition at that time.

HUDSON was incapable of furnishing any logical data

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Re: Suspect Phase

concerning this individual and appears to be an habitual alcoholic as a partially consumed fifth of liquor was observed sitting next to her bed.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA ROBERT MICHAEL KANE
SA CHARLES PAUL ROSE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: Suspect Phase

The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agents CHARLES PAUL ROSE and ROBERT MICHAEL KANE:

On 4/18/68, HARROLD HOLLAND FLETCHER was interviewed at his residence, 846 St. Charles Place, Atlanta, Ga. HOLLAND is a W/M, born [redacted] 6'2", 198 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes. He is employed by the Anning and Johnson Co., 1360 Seaboard Ave. as an acoustical tile installer. He stated that he was at his residence, a boarding house run by Mrs. BETTY L. TWEED on 4/4/68 and had no knowledge concerning captioned matter.

Observation of FLETCHER failed to substantiate any physical characteristics similar to subject in captioned matter.

Mrs. TWEED, Landlady of FLETCHER, advised 4/18/68 that he has been a resident of that building since 12/67 except when he commutes to his home in Gastonia, N. C. She verified the information that he was at the residence 4/4/68.

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4/9/68

SUPERVISOR CHARLES S. HARDING

ASSASSINATION OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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I received a call from an individual who identified himself as BEN GAS from Philadelphia. He identified himself as an informant from the Philadelphia Office and stated he had come to Atlanta from Memphis and that he needed money. He added that while in Memphis, he was in a situation and his glasses were broken and he is almost blind without his glasses. He stated he only has a couple of dollars cash on him and a check for \$25 that he doesn't know whether he will be able to cash. I contacted SA JOHN WEINBERG, Philadelphia, in the absence of Supervisor HORZENSTEIN. WEINBERG stated that Philadelphia would recommend giving him at least another \$100 to \$150 but there was no official in the office who could have it approved.

I contacted Section Chief GEORGE MOORE, Bureau, and told him of Philadelphia's recommendation and that Atlanta concurred. He then authorized additional payment of \$150 to this informant identified as PH 630-R.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 18, 19681

Mrs. ESTELLE PETERS, Manager, Piedmont Laundry, Pick-Up Station, 1168 Peachtree, Northeast, Atlanta, furnished the following information:

Upon viewing photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT, one photograph with the eyes open and the other furnished with eyes closed, stated that she could not positively identify him by these photographs. She noted that when GALT came into the laundry that his eyes were open and she did state that the photograph with the eyes open looked a good deal more like him than the artist's conception previously exhibited to her.

She further advised that she felt she could tell more concerning an identification of GALT by hearing him talk. She pointed out that the hair in the photograph looks very much like GALT's hair but she could not say that the photograph of GALT is the man who came into her laundry April 1 and April 5, 1968.

Mrs. PETERS advised that she would have to see him in person and hear him speak before she could honestly make a positive identification.

On 4/17/68 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386 -773
by SA CHARLES PAUL ROSE
SA ROBERT MICHAEL KANE RMK/pml/th Date dictated 4/18/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN; OO: MEMPHIS.

RE JN TEL TO MEMPHIS THIS DATE.

RE HOMESTEAD STUBBY BROWN PAPER BAG AND SCHLITZ
BEER CANS FOUND NEAR SCENE OF CRIME, MEMPHIS.

JACKSON HAS CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION
NORTHERN MISSISSIPPI TO LOCATE STORES HANDLING SCHLITZ
BEER WITH POP-TOP CANS DATED ZERO THREE OVER ONE FIVE EIGHT
AND USING HOMESTEAD STUBBY PAPER BAGS.

LOCATED IN THE SOUTHAVEN MINNOW SHOP, SOUTHAVEN,
MISS., HIGHWAY FIVE ONE SOUTH, ONE HALF MILE FROM TENN.
STATE LINE WAS QUANTITY OF SCHLITZ BEER POP-TOP CANS IN
~~PAPER~~ ^{Plastic} BAG SIX PACK CONTAINERS, BEARING DATE ZERO THREE
OVER ONE FIVE EIGHT. LOCATED IN THE SHOP WERE BROWN PAPER

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BAGS BEARING TRADE MARK HOMESTEAD; STUBBY WHICH IS USED TO PACKAGE SIX PACKS OF BEER BY SHOP PERSONNEL. THIS BAIT SHOP WAS LOCATED THREE MILES SOUTH OF OLIVER DRUGSTORE, HIGHWAY FIVE ONE, WHITEHAVEN, TENN., WHERE UNSUB. PURCHASED TOILETRY ITEMS.

EMPLOYEES OF SHOP WERE INTERVIEWED, COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION, DO NOT RECALL OBSERVING WHITE MUSTANG NOR STRANGERS DURING THE PERIOD MARCH THREE - FOUR, LAST. ITEMS OBTAINED AT THE MINNOW SHOP FORWARDED TO LABORATORY FOR COMPARISON WITH ITEMS IN POSSESSION OF LABORATORY.

AIRMAIL COPIES FURNISHED ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES.

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Date: 4/17/68

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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JAMES W. SAMMON on 4/15/68, at Southaven, Mississippi:

Located at the Southaven Minnow Shop, Highway 51 S, one-half mile from the Tennessee State Line, was a quantity of "Schlitz" beer, 12 ounce, pop-top cans in the plastic six-pack holder. This beer was dated "03/158", and was distributed from Clarksdale, Mississippi.

Also located in that bait shop was a brown paper bag bearing the trademark "Homestead; Stubby; 20; 31K7", which is used to package six-packs of beer by the bait shop personnel.

This bait shop is located exactly three miles south from the Oliver Drugstore, Highway 51, Whitehaven, Tennessee.

BILL MC LAUGHLIN, owner of the bait shop; his wife, JANE MC LAUGHLIN; his son, WILLIAM MC LAUGHLIN; and frequent customer, LAWRENCE PARKER, all of Southaven, were interviewed. All failed to identify the Birmingham and Memphis composite photos of Unsub in this matter. None recalled seeing a white Mustang with an Alabama license around 4/3-4/68, nor do they

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